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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Police Training Program

1. For the past several months this Office has been quietly conducting a police training program between regular courses at our [redacted] Representatives from the Metropolitan Police Department, Fairfax, Arlington, Montgomery and Prince Georges Counties have sent two men each to these two week courses. Thus far, we have limited the training to covert photography, surveillance, and rudimentary "locks and picks."

2. As you know, in the past [redacted] people were instrumental in providing instructors for this type of training. However, normal Agency demands on [redacted] have been such that this Office is providing the instructors for these courses. I'm attaching for your information a letter received from Superintendent Watkins of the Montgomery County Police Department which reflects the manner in which these courses have been received by our local police liaison contacts.

3. If you approve I would like to continue these courses quietly and discreetly. All police representatives attending are given a strong briefing on the Agency's passion for anonymity, and I know that you know that our friendly police departments have always respected this, and we have never had a leak of any kind. I have some reservations about offering them a basic course in audio surveillance at this time. If you agree, we can defer this

Agree

aspect of police training to some future date after the Watergate incident has been put to bed one way or another.

  
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Attachment